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McCANDLISH (ORELL) HOUSE Williamsburg, James City County, Virginia 48.WIL

Owner: Williamsburg Restoration

Date of erection: Eighteenth century

Present condition: Good, restored

Description:

Frame, one story below a gambrel roof, one old inside end chimney, one modern ridge chimney. The front is three bays and faces north. The door is in the eastern bay. There are three shed dormers on the roof in front and two in the rear. The sash of the lower windows is nine-over-nine, and the upper nine-over-six. The weatherboarding is new. The interior had a stair hall to the east and two rooms to the west with angle fireplaces. The adapting of the house to modern requirements made it necessary to block off the end of the hall for a kitchen.

Before the restoration was undertaken, the house had been abandoned, with windows broken and doors off their hinges. Fortunately the structure of the house was sound and, except for the kitchen and rear porch, is in substantially its original form.

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